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Report Highlights:

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Executive Summary

Post has revised upwards its estimate for the 2002/2003 coffee production due to favorable rainfall in 2002. Despite poor farm maintenance and management, coffee trees have been vigorous because of timely and well distribution of rains during tree flowering and throughout crop development period. Reports from upcountry indicate that coffee trees look healthy and are bearing a considerable amount of cherries, although coffee farms remain poorly maintained and abandoned.

The expected increased proportion of crop to be harvested due to the timid rise in world market price is being undermined by the unstable political situation since September 19, 2002. Coffee harvest requires a high amount of labor. Events in the country since September 19, 2002, have led a considerable proportion of migrant labor either to return to their country of origin or to restrain their movements for security reasons. This is posing a problem of labor shortage for coffee harvesting, a situation worsened by the high competitiveness of cocoa on the labor market. Cocoa and coffee are harvested at the same period but priority is usually given to cocoa harvesting because of storage problems and its current remunerative price.

Similarly, coffee and cocoa marketing are supposed to start at the same time in early October, but coffee marketing is often delayed until late December. Since most farmers produce both crop, this time lapse permits proper preparation of the marketing of both crop and the shifting of some labor from cocoa to coffee harvesting.

In 2001/2002, marketing activities were dull due to the low farm price. Some farmers held up to their crop which is expected to be sold in the current marketing year. The expected sale of poorly stored cherries will tend to undermine the general quality of the 2002/2003 coffee crop.

Green coffee exports fell in 2002 due to low export demand and the depressed world market price. Exports for the first 9 months in 2002 were 1,965,967 bags compared to 3,127,717 bags for the same period in 2001.

Post has revised upwards its 2001/2002 ending stocks due to declined exports.

Exchange Rate: U.S.\$1 = 644 F CFA on November 19, 2002.

PSD Table						
Country	Cote d'Ivoire					
Commodity	Coffee, Green				(1000 HA)(MILLION TREES)(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
	Revised	2001	Preliminary	2002	Forecast	2003
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Planted	1490	1490	1492	1492	1492	1492
Area Harvested	1296	1296	1170	1170	1160	1160
Bearing Trees	1626	1626	1630	1630	1630	1630
Non-Bearing Trees	243	243	243	243	243	243
TOTAL Tree Population	1869	1869	1873	1873	1873	1873
Beginning Stocks	1347	1347	1573	1573	1186	1751
Arabica Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robusta Production	4333	4333	3300	3300	3300	4000
Other Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Production	4333	4333	3300	3300	3300	4000
Bean Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roast & Ground Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soluble Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	5680	5680	4873	4873	4486	5751
Bean Exports	3660	3660	3200	2615	3000	3700
Roast & Ground Exports	3	3	3	3	3	3
Soluble Exports	382	382	420	440	450	450
TOTAL Exports	4045	4045	3623	3058	3453	4153
Rst,Ground Dom. Consum	30	30	31	31	32	32
Soluble Dom. Consum.	32	32	33	33	33	33
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	62	62	64	64	65	65
Ending Stocks	1573	1573	1186	1751	968	1533
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	5680	5680	4873	4873	4486	5751

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Cote d'Ivoire		
Commodity	Coffee, Green		
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	MT
Exports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	225600	U.S.	56783
Others		Others	
France	1903150	France	1439917
Belgium	958300	Belgium	314650
Italy	659233	Italy	498917
Poland	280017	Poland	136717
Algeria	607133	Algeria	550350
Spain	354883	Spain	372517
Germany	169833	Germany	93600
Morocco	95900	Morocco	55783
Portugal	91167	Portugal	49950
U.K.	88717	U.K.	36017
Total for Others	5208333		3548418
Others not Listed	275550		171299
Grand Total	5709483		3776500